GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Agriculture & Cooperation Department - Complaints - Smt. T.Savithri, Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Rayachoty presently working as ADA, O/o DAO, Chittoor - Allegations of corruption with regard to demanding of money from V.A.As, V.H.As, V.S.A and MPEOS of Rythu Bharosa Kendrams, Rayachoty division, YSR District – Disciplinary action initiated under A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Imposed the penalty of "Withholding of (2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect", under rule 9 of A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 - Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 986 **Dated: 11-11-2025**

Read the following

1. From the Joint Collector, (RB&R), YSR District,Roc. No. A1/217/2021, dt.15.05.2021.
2. Govt. Memo. No. AGC01-AGRI/15/2022-VIG-I, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.31.01.2022.
3. Memo No. Vig.I(2)29/2021, dt.23.06.2021,, O/o C&DA, A.P., Guntur.
4. Written Statement of Defense(WSD) dt.05.07.2021 of Smt T. Savithri, Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), RayachotyYSR District.
5. Memo.No. Vig.I(2)29/2021, dt.09.08.2021, O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
6. Memo.No. Vig.I(2)29/2021, dt.09.04.2022, O/o Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
7. Inquiry Report Lr.No.Enquiry/Addl./DA-II/2022, dt.15.07.2022 of Sri B.Prasad, Addl.DA, O/o C&DA, A.P., Guntur.
8. Govt. Memo.No. AGC01-AGRI/15/2022-VIG-I, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.28.11.2023.
9. Written Representation dt.15.04.2024 of Smt.T.Savithri, the then Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Rayachoty,YSR District.
10. From the Director of Agriculture, AP,Guntur, Lr.No.AGC-2-32026(32)/4/2021-VIG, Dt.16.04.2025.

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O R D E R

In the reference 1st read above, the Joint Collector, (RB&R), YSR Kadapa Districthas furnished Preliminary Enquiry Report on the allegations levelled by V.A.As, V.H.As, V.S.A and MPEOs of Rythu Bharosa Kendrams, Rayachoty division, YSR Kadapa District against Smt.T.Savithri, Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Rayachoty and Sri Manikanta, Store Keeper, O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Rayachoty, YSR Kadapa District and submitted the report to the Government.

2. In the reference 2nd read above the Government have forwarded the report of the Joint Collector (RB&R), YSR District to the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, and requested to examine the contents therein and take necessary action against the erring officials, as per rules in force, and furnish action taken report to Government.

3. Accordingly, vide reference 3rd read above, the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has initiated disciplinary action and issued Article of Charge against Smt. T.Savithri, the then ADA (R), Rayachoty, YSR District and at present working as ADA, O/o DAO, Chittoor with a direction to submit her Written Statement of Defense (WSD), duly accepting/denying the Charges framed against her.

4. In the reference 4th read above, the charged officer Smt. T.Savithri, the then ADA (R), Rayachoty, YSR District has submitted her Written Statement of Defense(WSD) and denied the Charge framed against her. The Written Statement of Defense of the said Charged Officer is not convincing then the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has appointed Sri V.D.V.Krupadas, JDA, O/o C&DA, A.P., Guntur as Inquiry Officer and Sri N.Ch. Balu Naik, DDA, O/o C&DA, A.P., Guntur as Presenting Officer in the reference 5th read above to conduct regular enquiry into the Charges framed against her. Later, Sri B.Prasad, Addl.DA, O/o C&DA, A.P., Guntur was appointed as Inquiry Officer in place of Sri V.D.Krupadas, JDA, vide reference 6th read above.

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5. In the reference 7th read above, Sri B.Prasad, Additional Director of Agriculture, O/o C&DA, A.P., Guntur & Inquiry Authority has submitted his Inquiry Report dt.15.07.2022 and concluded that on verification of all the records it is found that there are physical evidences are found against the Charged Officer. Hence, the allegations levelled against the charged officer is proved.

6. In the reference 8th read above, the Government requested the Spl. Commissioner of Agriculture, to communicate a copy of the regular inquiry report dt.15.07.2022 to charged officer with a request to submit her representation if any on the inquiry report. In the reference 9th read above, Smt. T.Savithri, the then ADA (R), Rayachoty, YSR Kadapa District and the charged officer has submitted her written representation, wherein she submit that the Inquiry Officer failed to conduct open enquiry in the presence of the charged officer with the petitioners. The Inquiry officer recorded petitioners statements without her presence that to without cross examination by her. The allegation made against her which is the main task and target by the petitioners to defame her in the Department. There is no Independent witness against her to support the version of the petitioners to corroborate and believe that demand and accepted from them to prove by the petitioners. The allegation made in the charge memo are false as they are all concocted for the purpose of giving trouble by the trouble shooters of the petitioners. Finally, she has requested that further action may kindly be dropped as she was not caught or trapped with any tainted amount.

7. In the reference 10th read above, the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has supported with the findings of the inquiry officer and requested to issue further directions in the matter since as per the orders issued vide G.O Ms.No.23, dt.29.04.2021 of Agri. & Co-operation (Agri.I) Dept., Government is the appointing authority/ disciplinary authority to the cadre of Assistant Director of Agriculture.

8. The Government after careful examination of the explanation of the Charged Officer with reference to the Inquiry Report and other material made available and as per scheme of vigilance, hereby decided to impose a Penalty “Withholding of two (2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect”, against Smt. T.Savithri, the then ADA (R), Rayachoty, YSR Kadapa District and presently working as ADA, O/o DAO, Chittoor, under Rule 9 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, as the charge of financial impropriety has been held proved in the Inquiry.

9. Accordingly, Government hereby impose the Penalty “Withholding of two (2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect”, against Smt. T.Savithri, the then ADA (R), Rayachoty, YSR Kadapa District and presently working as ADA, O/o DAO, Chittoor under Rule 9 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

10. The Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur shall take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B. RAJSEKHAR
EX-OFFICIO SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:
Smt. T.Savithri, the then ADA (R), Rayachoty, YSR Kadapa District
presently working as ADA, O/o DAO, Chittoor.
(through the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur)
The Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:
The Prl. Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The District Treasury Officer, YSR Kadapa District.
The District Agriculture Officer, YSR Kadapa District.
The District Agriculture Officer, Chittoor.
The OSD to Hon’ble Minister for Agriculture, A.P.
Sf/Sc.(1625697).

// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER